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Diplomat Adam Sterling visits Aruba's Plenipotentiary Minister



"Ministre Conselleir" of the American Embassy in Holland, Adam Sterling, recently paid Plenipotentiary Minister Alfonso Boekhoudt a courtesy visit. Adam Sterling, a veteran diplomat who served his country in numerous international functions, has been stationed in The Hague since July 2013. He used the opportunity to receive ample information regarding the developments on Aruba. Sterling was impressed to learn of the developments on our island and applauded Aruba's very ambitious agenda. During their conversation Minister Boekhoudt highlighted the excellent relationship which exists between Aruba and the United States.

Maduro wants South America to meet on Venezuela crisis

CARACAS (AFP) - President Nicolas Maduro on Thursday called for a meeting of South American leaders on the turmoil in Venezuela after more than a month of anti-government street protests.

Maduro made the request to visiting Suriname President Desi Bouterse, the current head of the Union of South American Nations (Unasur), a regional bloc that does not include the United States.

The move came a day after the Venezuelan president broke off relations with Panama after it called for a meeting of the rival Washington-based Organization of American States on the crisis.

Maduro said he wanted the meeting to explain "the attacks, the violence, the small groups that have tried to undermine social life and impose a political situation that our country is overcoming."

In a speech Wednesday, Maduro angrily rejected OAS involvement, saying Venezuela would turn to other regional organizations that do not include the United States.

At Panama's request, the OAS scheduled a close door meeting on Venezuela for later in the day Thursday.

Street protests erupted in Venezuela on February 4 and have continued every day since in the biggest challenge yet to Maduro's nearly year-old government.

At least 18 people had already been killed when Maduro spoke, and shortly afterwards officials said a policeman had died in a street battle.

Public anger over violent crime, shortages and arrests of protesters have fueled the protests.

But Maduro charges they are part of a US-backed plot by "fascists" to destabilize his socialist-inspired government.

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Crimea moves to join Russia, US and EU sanction Moscow

SIMFEROPOL (AFP) - Crimea's pro-Russian parliament voted Thursday to have the tense Ukrainian region secede and join Russia, triggering fury in Kiev while the EU warned of harsh sanctions on Moscow if it kept refusing the path of dialogue.

A decision by Crimea's local legislative assembly to call a March 16 "referendum" in the tense peninsula on joining the Russian Federation was dismissed as illegitimate by Ukraine's interim government, the European Union and the United States.

However, with Russian forces in effective control of Crimea -- which is home to an ethnic Russian majority -- the secession move ratcheted up the stakes in a crisis that is already Europe's worst security emergency in the post-Cold War era.

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The pro-West, interim administration in Kiev -- brought to power on the back of three months of protests that claimed nearly 100 lives -- immediately took steps to disband Crimea's parliament. Interim president Oleksandr Turchynov said the Crimea legislators' decision was a "crime" inspired by the Kremlin.

US President Barack Obama warned the proposed referendum in Crimea would violate Ukrainian sovereignty and international law. He said the US and its allies were united against Russia's incursion into Ukraine, but said a diplomatic solution to the standoff remained possible.

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duced a special prepaid telephone card for Carnival 60 of Afls.15. The design on the card is the same design on the SETAR T-shirts.

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SETAR was also present for the Caiso & Soca Monarch Festival at the new Carnival Village. People at home were able to follow the event live via Pay Per View transmitted by SETAR's cable network.

SETAR was also very visible on the road in various ways. Many wore SETAR blue T-shirts, including members of the Brass and Steel bands. SETAR's gadgets also resounded wherever you stood during the parades.

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Independence process for air controllers has begun



Last Tuesday morning the government met with the Management Team of the Department of Civil Aviation to discuss the possibilities related to the future of the air traffic controllers. This meeting also served as the initiation of the process for making the air controllers an independent entity of the Department of Civil Aviation.

The independency of the air controllers is a matter that has been pending for many years. ICAO has conducted different audits on the island and it was ascertained that it is not advisable for the control organization to be in the same organization as that of the work of the air traffic tower. On different occasions they expressed the desire to

separate the execution of the work from supervision and management.

After the reorganization of the Department of Civil Aviation, which was completed not long ago, it is now time to turn to the independency of the traffic controllers. The Minister along with the Management Team of the Department of Civil Aviation has agreed that they will install a steering group to guide the process.

The intention is to create an organization that can stand on its own financially. The goal now is to complete the process no later than November 1st 2014 at which time we should have a new independent traffic controllers' entity in place.

13th Annual AHATA Recycling contest accepting entries now



bles, juice boxes, wood, newspapers and magazines and broken glass or other debris. New materials such as glue and paint to construct and decorate the works of art are allowed.

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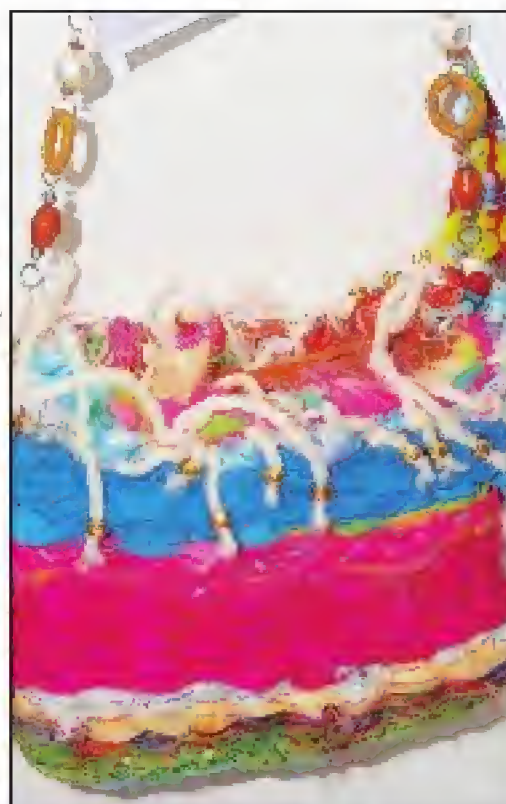
ORANJESTAD -- Organizers of the annual Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) Environmental Committee Recycled Art Expo and Contest recently announced deadlines for registration and submission of artwork.

The exposition will open on Monday, April 14 in the exposition room of the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad. Submissions will remain on display until Friday, April 25, when winners will be announced and prizes awarded in seven categories. Deadlines to register to participate are April 1 for the individual categories and March 7 for group categories of School/Business/Resort. The opening of the exposition will take place at 3:00 PM on April 14 and all artwork must be completed and on display prior to the opening event.

Group categories are: Kindergarten, Primary Schools Grades 1-3 and 4-6, Secondary Schools and Group/Company/Resort. Artwork by individuals will be judged under Professional or Amateur divisions.

All work must be created by using recycled materials such as foam, plastics, cardboard boxes, bottle caps, beverage cans and bot-

taining and enlightening exposition free of charge. It will be open to the public daily from 10:00 AM until noon in the mornings, and from 2:00 to 6:00 PM, in the afternoons, Monday through Friday; there will be a four day hiatus from the 18th through the 21st when it will be closed. To register and for more information, call Vanessa Rasmussen at the AHATA office:



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Aruba Tourism Authority and FCCA bestows special honors to young Aditya Gupta



ORANJESTAD – Recently, The Aruba Tourism Authority received a courtesy visit of Aditya Gupta, who represented Aruba at the 2013 FCCA (Florida Caribbean Cruise Association) Children's Essay Competition. Students for the competition were invited to write an essay on the prompt "What makes my destination different from others?"

The contest's goal is to assist students in furthering their education; let them think about their own destinations and its involvement in the tourism industry, and provide an opportunity to problem solve for the real world. Last year's essay contest attracted entries from 19 countries, and each essay showed the students' excellence in education and displayed their overall knowledge and awareness in the tourism industry, along with their creativity. Winners were selected from both age groups: the junior division, consisting of students between nine- and 12 years-old, and the senior division, featuring students between 13 and 16.

Although Aditya didn't win a prize, FCCA still wanted to show its appreciation to him for taking part in the contest and sent him a check as an incentive to continue participating in such events.

Besides that, ATA Cruise & Niche Market Manager, Gloria Vega and ATA Visitor Care Liaison Marouska Heyliger also handed Aditya a small gift, a bag with different Aruba souvenirs.

Following is the essay written by Aditya:

"What makes my destination different from others?"

This is an interesting question as right now, Aruba is such a happening place on domestic as well as tourism front that my creative juices prompt me to write this essay. Until a few years back, my answer to this question would have been: our people, our beaches and the languages that we speak. These are still the fundamental assets very distinct to Aruba. To expand a bit, our people are innately amiable and friendly – not only to the visitors but also to each other. They are from diverse backgrounds with 90+ different nationalities living peacefully in Aruba for a total population of 120,000. Indeed it's very impacting to those who call it a home and to those who visit the island. Added to the diversity of population are our languages, four of which all residents speak fluently. Our sugar-sand white beaches with contrasting calm blue waters are Aruba's true assets as well. Moreover, the sea is right at the road level proving a feast to one's eyes. Occasionally on a week-end, I get a chance to have a leisurely ride with my parents and I fall in love with the same scenery over and over again for the last sixteen years.

In the last few years, Aruba has decided to restore its monuments by preserving their original architecture. Seemingly dilapidated buildings in the center of the city have been restored to their historic glory and now house famous Museums of History, Archaeology and many other

governmental buildings. Very close to cruise terminal and the main city, these museums offer an excellent walking tour for all ages. Further, a number of beautification projects have uplifted our traditional shopping area called 'Main Street'. It's now a renovated outdoor mall where you can comfortably walk around on newly paved clinkers and relax under the shade of a palm tree or stop for a drink or snack at one of the many plazas.

There is no vehicular traffic on the main street but, of course, you could ride, for free, a brand new electric tram from one end of the main street to another or hop in, hop out if something attracts your attention.

Our Palm Beach area is abuzz with shopping, cinemas and a variety of eating places from franchises to local and high-end formal dining. Both parts of the island also offer bars, restaurants and nightlife to remember. We can say that Sun never sets on shopping entertainment in our small town in Caribbean. So you can be at Main Street early in the day and by the time, it shuts its doors around 7 pm, our Palm Beach and South Beach areas go alive well into the wee hours.

Our island offers a number of sports such as marathons, tennis & golf to water sports like windsurfing, kite surfing and scuba diving. Visitors can safely arrange off-road tours to enjoy rough rugged coastal areas and rustic beauty of the island or go to Arikok National Park to enjoy our local plants, animals and a variety of cacti. Our people love the ecology of the island and preserve it fervently with their personal time and efforts. As Youth Minister of Environment last year, I have participated in a number of projects where the islanders wholeheartedly support cleaning of our reefs and coastal areas to preserve our natural gifts for future generations. Our Government has responded by constructing a ten-mile long walking strip which is the longest in the Caribbean and a distinct biking trail on the roadside.

Aruba is in the forefront of

alternative energy by producing twenty percent of its energy needs from renewable resources as the wind and sun is guaranteed for most part of the year. It has a number of very ambitious projects to achieve total reliance on green energy by 2020, making sure that air and water remain as pure as granted to us by Mother Nature. These efforts are very visible to the visitors as electric trams whisk away cruise passengers to nearby shopping areas and a huge solar park will soon greet visitors as they come out of the airport.

Very soon renters will be able to rent electric cars and re-charge them along their routes. Thus, Aruba is a progressive nation where nature is preserved and environment is fondly taken care of! And yet, all these projects of civic and community development are woven seamlessly in 'One Aruban experience' that truly distinguishes our island from any other destination.

A nice story indeed.

Photos show Aditya receiving his Aruba bag and the check from the hands of Ms. Gloria Vega.

Frank and Cynthia Vano honored at the Paradise Beach Villas



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple, whom are loyal and friendly Visitors of Aruba, at the Paradise Beach Villas as Ambassadors of Goodwill. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20 or more consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Frank and Mrs. Cynthia Van from Northport NY. Frank and Cynthia are loyal members of the Paradise Beach Villas and they love Aruba very

much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, shopping and being on Aruba and staying at the Paradise is like being home for them. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Milca Erasmus representing the Paradise Beach Villas.

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Much interest for Photography and Poetic competition



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All photos must be received no later than by March 10th at the above addresses. The best photos will be selected and will be exhibited. The best photo will receive a trophy. There will be winners in the gold, silver and bronze categories.

It is expected that many local talent will participate in this competition and that it too will be a great success.

ORANJESTAD -- As is customary for the celebration of our National Day, March 18, there will be a singing competition. This year the National Commission has come up with the idea of organizing a competition to select the best poems, poetry with the winner receiving the title of "Island Poet."

The poetry must contain items related to our culture. The topics should be designed to create awareness to make us better Arubans and better citizens.

There is no age limit,

everyone and anyone can participate. The last day to submit your poem is March 10th to the Instituto di Cultura. Submit poems to: Regina Maduro@aruba.gov.aw or to Yvette Lacle@aruba.gov.aw. Winners will be announced on March 13th during an interesting event. The best poems will be selected to participate for the winning prize.

Photography Competition:
This year the National Commission has also decided to hold a photo competition. Again everyone and anyone

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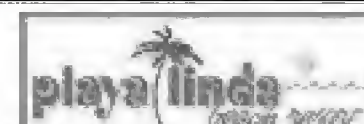
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Crimea moves to join Russia, US and EU sanction Moscow

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US Secretary of State John Kerry, after holding talks in Rome with his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, laid the blame for the escalation of the crisis on Russia.

The United States slapped visa bans on Russians and Ukrainians it held responsible for destabilising both Ukraine and security across Europe as a whole.

EU leaders holding a summit in Brussels took political measures -- but not economic sanctions -- against Russia over its use of force in its western neighbour following the February 22 ouster of Kiev's pro-Moscow leadership.

Ukraine's interim Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk made an impassioned appeal in Brussels for EU states and the United States to rise to his nation's defence in the face of what he called an unfolding Russian aggression.

"We still believe we can solve in peaceful manner but in case of further escalation and military intervention into Ukraine territory by foreign forces, Ukrainian government and military will act in accordance with the constitution and laws. We are ready to protect our country," he said.

Yatsenyuk conceded that Ukraine's forces were dwarfed by the Russian army but stressed that his country's troops had the "spirit" to defend themselves in the face of a Russian threat.

Russian President Vladimir Putin for his part on Thursday chaired an unscheduled meeting of his national Security Council to discuss the latest developments but issued no further comment.

- US, EU sanction Russia
- The United States ramped up the pressure on the Kremlin by slapping visa bans on Russians and Ukrainians it blames for destabilising peace and stability both in Ukraine and Europe as a whole.

It was the latest in a series of moves by the US administration to punish Moscow for what the White House denounced as "Russia's ongoing violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Obama also authorised freezing the assets of officials and individuals involved in ordering Russia's military maneuvers in Crimea.

European leaders -- split

between hawkish Eastern European states and big Western European powers that want to limit the damage to their economic relations with Russia because of their reliance on its natural gas -- reiterated a commitment to sign an association accord with Ukraine before it holds snap presidential polls on May 25.

EU president Herman Van Rompuy said the 28-nation bloc "decided that as a matter of priority we will sign (the agreement) very shortly."

"This means before the Ukrainian elections of 25 May."

Ousted Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovich's decision to ditch the pact in November in favour of closer ties with Russia sparked the initial wave of protests in Kiev that led to his regime's downfall and rise of new pro-EU rulers.

The European bloc agreed after about six hours of tense discussions to suspend visa and economic talks with Russia -- a blow for Moscow's years-long efforts to win open travel rights for Russians.

EU leaders also adopted a statement demanding that Russia enter into negotiations in the next few days. The talks need to "produce results within a limited timeframe," said the statement.

Female bank head a first for Japan



TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's biggest brokerage Nomura Holdings has chosen a woman to head its banking arm, in what is believed to be a first for the country's male-dominated financial sector.

Chie Shimpō, 48, will next month become president of Nomura Trust and Banking, as Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe calls for more women to join the labour force and for companies to bring female employees into the boardroom.

None of the nation's three biggest banks -- Mitsubishi UFJ, Sumitomo Mitsui and Mizuho Financial -- have top

female executives, according to a government survey.

The central bank, Bank of Japan, has just one woman on its nine-member board.

Nomura on Wednesday announced the appointment of Shimpō, who last year told an online Japanese business magazine that her gender was not a factor at the office.

"When I'm at work, I don't really think about my gender," she was quoted as saying.

"I've never thought I was disadvantaged professionally because I'm a woman... (but) maybe it's more correct to say I assimilated" into a male-dominated workplace.

"But I think we need to make a business environment that is comfortable for younger female workers," Shimpō said.

Shimpō, who has an MBA from Stanford University and also graduated from Japan's prestigious Waseda University, joined Nomura in 1989.

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Ban 'Noah' movie, says Egypt's top Islamic body

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's top Islamic body said on Thursday the big budget Hollywood biblical epic "Noah" starring Russell Crowe was irreligious and should not be screened in the country.

Al-Azhar institute, one of the region's main Sunni Muslim authorities, said the movie, slated to open in Egypt on March 26, violated Islam by portraying a prophet.

The film has already angered some Christian institutions in the United States, with Crowe's reportedly unconventional portrayal of Noah.

Al-Azhar can play an advisory role on censoring movies and books in Egypt, but does not have the final say.

Portraying a prophet "contradicts the stature of prophets and messengers... and antagonises the faithful,"

the institution said in a statement.

Egypt's censorship board must approve any movie before it is shown, but it was not immediately clear whether it has approved "Noah" yet.

The Paramount Pictures website said the film would be released on March 26 in Egypt, and a day later in other Middle Eastern countries.

Egypt has censored other movies in the past, including the blockbuster "The Da Vinci Code" after protests from the Orthodox Coptic Church.

But it did allow the screening of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of Christ", which depicts Jesus being crucified.

Muslims believe Jesus was a prophet and was not crucified.

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Westgate attackers disagreed over killing kids: witness

NAIROBI (AFP) - Islamist gunmen who shot dead scores of people in a Nairobi shopping mall last year were in apparent disagreement over whether they should kill women and small children, a court in Kenya heard on Thursday.

Witness Geoffrey Kotia, who was supervising children's activities in the upmarket shopping centre, said he was shot by the attackers, accused of killing Somalis and mockingly told to telephone Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta for help.

"One of the attackers then said 'You people, we have been giving you chances to become Muslims but you don't, and instead you go ahead and kill our people'," Kotia told the trial of four men who are accused of helping the attackers.

Kotia then told the court that one of the attackers said "we Mujahedeen don't kill small children and women". But seconds later another gunman said "but you have been killing our children and women in Somalia" and the shooting resumed.

Witnesses from the September attack, which left at least 67 dead including women and children, have previously said that some of the attackers allowed women and children to leave, while others were indiscriminate in their attacks.

The attack was claimed by Somalia's Al-Qaeda-linked Shebab insurgents who are fighting to oust the country's internationally-backed government and African Union troops including Kenyan soldiers.

All the gunmen in the Westgate siege -- understood to have totalled four, not the dozen that security forces initially reported -- are believed to have died during the attack, according to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The trial in Nairobi, which opened on January 15, has heard evidence from people who were at the mall when the gunmen launched their attack, as well as witnesses involved in transactions related to the

purchase of the car that the attackers used to drive to Westgate.

The four accused of providing logistical support -- Adan Mohamed Abidkadir Adan, Mohamed Ahmed Abdi, Liban Abdullah Omar and Hussein Hassan Mustafah -- have all pleaded not guilty to charges of supporting a terrorist group.

The charge sheet gives no details of the nature of their alleged support, but security sources say the prosecution will argue they aided the gunmen, including by organising accommodation.

US freezes \$458 mn stolen by Nigeria dictator Abacha

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said Wednesday it had ordered a freeze on \$458 million in assets stolen by former Nigerian dictator Sani Abacha and his accomplices and hidden in European accounts.

The Justice Department said the corruption proceeds -- stashed away in bank accounts in Britain, France and Jersey -- were frozen at Washington's request with the help of local authorities.

Abacha died in office in 1998, but his surviving relatives still include some of the richest and most influential figures in Africa's most populous nation.

According to a civil forfeiture complaint unsealed in the US District Court in Washington, the department wants the recover more than \$550 million in connection with the action.

The Justice Department said the assets frozen -- along with additional assets named in the complaint -- represent the "proceeds of corruption" during and after the military regime of Abacha, who became president of Nigeria through a military coup on No-

vember 17, 1993 and held that office until his death on June 8, 1998.

The complaint alleges that Abacha, his son Mohammed Sani Abacha, their associate Abubakar Atiku Bagudu and others "embezzled, misappropriated and extorted billions from the government of Nigeria and others, then laundered their criminal proceeds through the purchase of bonds backed by the United States using US financial institutions."

Raman said that the action sends a "clear message" that the United States is "determined and equipped to confiscate the ill-gotten riches of corrupt leaders who drain the resources of their countries."

The US government's Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Initiative "where appropriate" provides for the return of stolen proceeds "to benefit the people harmed by these acts of corruption and abuse of office."

It did not specify what action would be taken with regard to the Abacha case.

The complaint also seeks to freeze five corporate entities registered in the British Virgin Islands.



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Mexican court says drug lord can't avoid US extradition

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - A Mexican court rejected an appeal Wednesday by drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman to avoid extradition to the United States in the absence of any formal request.

Following his February 22 capture, Guzman filed a motion for an immediate injunction to prevent extradition to the US, where at least seven federal district courts have indicted him on charges of money laundering and ferrying massive shipments of cocaine into the country.

But no formal US request has yet been filed with the Mexican government.

Mexican Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam announced last week that the government intends to try to sentence Guzman in Mexico before weighing possible extradition to the United States, though he has already discussed the issue with his counterpart Eric Holder.

Mexican Marines, backed by intelligence provided by the US Drug Enforcement Administration, captured Guzman in the Pacific resort city of Mazatlan last month. He was staying with his beauty-queen wife and two-year-old twin

daughters in a condominium, and was arrested without a single shot being fired.

He is now held at the Altiplano high-security prison, and faces charges in at least four cases implicating him in organized crime and drug trafficking.

The Mexican government considers the criminal organization Guzman headed, the Sinaloa cartel, to be responsible for most of the drugs entering the United States.

The cartel operates in about 50 countries in the Americas, Europe and Asia.



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Second US baby is HIV-free after early treatment

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A baby treated for HIV within hours of birth is free of the virus nearly a year later, in the second case that has raised hopes about early treatment, doctors said Wednesday.

The approach mirrored that taken for a Mississippi baby, who has been off treatment for 21 months and still has no detectable virus in her system.

The latest research on the two young girls was presented at the annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) in Boston.

The newest case involves a

Los Angeles baby was born to a mother infected with HIV and who had not been taking her medications, making her at high risk for transmission, said Yvonne Bryson, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Audra Deveikis, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach, where the baby was born, tested the infant and gave her high, treatment-level doses of antiretroviral drugs before even knowing if she was HIV-positive, Bryson told

AFP by phone from the conference.

"The way it works is you test and you treat before you know the results because it takes several days to get the results," explained Bryson, a consultant on the case.

Treatment started at four hours of age, even earlier than the Mississippi child.

Eventually, the tests came back positive for HIV.

But by six days of age, the virus was undetectable.

"The remarkable thing about this particular baby is that the virus disappeared so quickly," said Bryson.

The baby is still being treated with antiretroviral drugs, and researchers are cautious not to utter the word "cure" or even "remission" just yet.

Now aged 11 months, the child is doing well and continues to see doctors while under the care of a foster family.

She has "no detectable viral load, nothing since six days of age. That is the earliest ever," said Bryson.

Once she turns two, doctors may decide to stop suppressive therapy to see if she is in remission, or if the virus would rebound.

Also at the conference, Deborah Persaud of Johns Hopkins University presented the latest on the Mississippi baby, who was given ART at 31 hours of age.

Now, the three-year-old is considered in remission from HIV, after drug treatment was stopped 21 months ago and no viral rebound has been observed.

Bryson said the Los Angeles team is optimistic that their baby will do just as well.

There is no known cure for AIDS, which has infected some 70 million people around the world and killed 35 million, according to the World Health Organization.

Another delay to Obama health law

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House on Wednesday unveiled another delay in implementing President Barack Obama's signature health law - apparently to shield vulnerable Democrats in mid-term elections.

The Obama administration said that insurers could continue to market health care plans that do not meet the minimum standards of the new law until October 1, 2016.

Officials had already offered an extension to people who had the existing plans, amid a political furor over Obama's frequent and now discredited promise that if people liked their health coverage under the new law, they could keep them.

The administration said that the move would give consumers more choice in America's health care marketplace.

A fact sheet explaining the new policy hinted at the political motivation, noting that it had been developed in close consultation with lawmakers

including Senators Mary Landrieu, Mark Warner, Jeanne Shaheen and Mark Udall -- all of whom are up for reelection in November.

Republicans lashed out at the decision, saying it was a politically crass move designed to protect Democratic candidates.

"What makes this latest delay so troubling is the fact that it was prompted not by the heartbreaking stories of millions of Americans but by the private pleadings of a handful of endangered Democrats."

The rule change was the latest delay or modification to the health care law, which ranks as Obama's signature domestic achievement but has been plagued by problems and political unpopularity.

The law is a significant weight on many Democrats fighting mid-term elections, in which the party is seen as having little chance to take back the House of Representatives and in deep peril of losing control of the Senate.

Alzheimer's disease may kill as many as cancer in US

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Deaths from Alzheimer's disease are under-reported in the United States and the most common form of dementia may be taking as many lives as heart disease or cancer, said a study Wednesday.

Alzheimer's disease currently ranks sixth among causes of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Heart disease is first, and cancer second.

But researchers reported in the journal *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology, that Alzheimer-linked deaths could be six times more common than thought.

"Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are under-reported on death certificates and medical records," said study author Bryan James of Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

"Death certificates often list the immediate cause of death, such as pneumonia, rather than

listing dementia as an underlying cause."

For the study, researchers followed more than 2,500 people aged 65 and older who were tested annually for dementia.

A total of 559 participants developed Alzheimer's disease during the course of the study, and the average time span from diagnosis to death was four years.

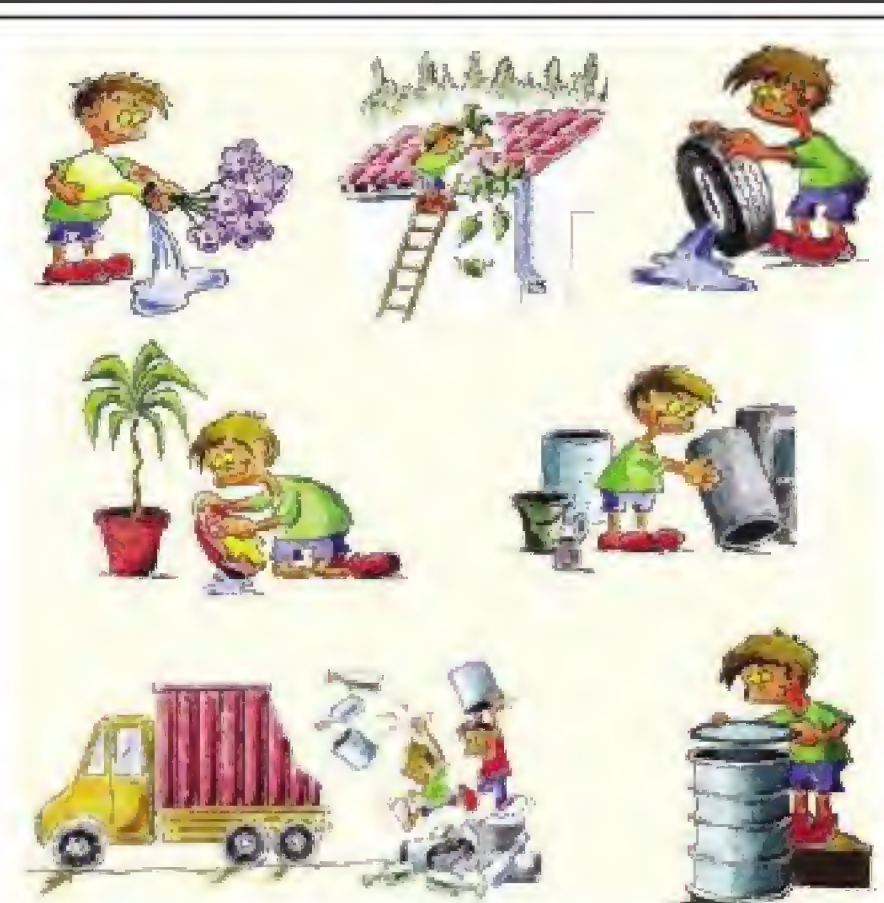
People aged 75 to 84 who were diagnosed with Alzheimer's were also four times more likely to die than those without it.

One third of all deaths among those aged 75 and older were attributable to Alzheimer's disease, said the study.

According to James, the findings would translate to an estimated 503,400 deaths from Alzheimer's in the US population over age 75 in 2010.

That figure is six times higher than the 83,494 reported by the CDC based on death certificates.

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Not enough Canadian porn on adult TV

OTTAWA (AFP) - Canada's broadcasting regulator wants to see more locally-made porn on Canadian television, judging by a notice on its website that accuses three channels of failing to meet licensing requirements.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) said three Toronto-based adult channels have failed to provide a minimum of 35 percent Canadian content.

The rules require a portion of programming to be at least partly written, produced or presented by persons in Canada, in order to bolster the local industry and showcase Canadian content.

A hearing has been scheduled for April 28 to decide whether the broadcasting licenses of AOV Adult Movie Channel, XXX Action Clips and Malefixxx should be renewed.

The permits are set to expire at the end of August.

CRTC spokeswoman Patricia Valladao told AFP they will be asked to justify a renewal of the licenses, adding that "the CRTC has tried several times to bring the com-

pany into compliance."

The networks' parent company Channel Zero did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

But others have not been shy to speak out.

The daily National Post satirically lamented the Canadian porn industry's "reluctance to tackle distinctively Canadian issues."

And the tabloid Toronto Sun hailed the CRTC's call for more "naughty Newfoundlanders and Manitoba MILFs."

But the Globe and Mail disagreed, saying: "Unlike sitcoms or dramas, which are potentially filled with meaning that contributes to a social conversation, porn is a generic product whose national origins are as unimportant as those of... a vibrator."

But the newspaper conceded that "a porn shoot hires lighting technicians and camera operators just like any other TV production and, hey, jobs are jobs."

The CRTC also chided the channels for not providing enough closed-captioning and for not alerting the regulator of a change in ownership.



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Carnival crown to samba champions honoring Senna, Bolt



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Rio on Wednesday elected the Unidos da Tijuca samba school as its Carnival champions, a 40-strong jury crowning a program which paid homage to late Brazilian Formula One racer Ayrton Senna.

The champions chose speed as their theme for their Monday parade, in which their 3,600-strong troupe honored the memory of national idol Senna, killed in a crash at the San Marino Grand Prix 20 years ago.

Unidos da Tijuca also paid tribute to Olympic sprint



champion Usain Bolt, featuring a runner dressed in Jamaican kit during a parade which wowed 72,000 spectators at a packed Sambadrome.

The elite dance school, whose routine featured a Formula One car and mini race track, just pipped nearest rivals Salgueiro by one tenth of a point to land their third title in the past five years.

After the jury announced the result, having judged criteria such as samba style, costumes and floats, some 10,000 supporters of the champions gathered at their headquarters for an all-night celebration party.

Imperio da Tijuca were

meanwhile relegated from the elite section after coming last.

Although this year's Carnival officially ended Tuesday night, the top six schools will appear again in Saturday's Champions' Parade.

One of Rio's oldest samba schools having been formed in December 1931, Unidos da Tijuca represent several slums or favelas in the western Tijuca area.

Some four million people, including 918,000 tourists, participated in this year's Rio Carnival, the world's biggest street party, featuring some 500 street parades as well as the two nights of elite parades.

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Astronomers spot rare asteroid break-up



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Astronomers said Thursday they have witnessed the distant break-up of an asteroid, a rare event that was not caused by a violent space collision or a close encounter with the Sun.

Instead, the asteroid, located some 300 million miles (483 million kilometers) from the Sun, was likely weakened over time by multiple small run-ins with other space objects, said the report in *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

And now, astronomers are watching asteroid P/2013 R3 come undone as a result of a subtle effect of sunlight, which causes the asteroid to rotate at an increasingly fast rate.

"Seeing this rock fall apart before our eyes is pretty amaz-

ing," said lead investigator David Jewitt, a professor in the University of California Los Angeles Department of Earth, Planetary and Space Sciences.

Jewitt said the asteroid has broken into as many as 10 pieces and is gently being pulled apart by centrifugal force, "like grapes on a stem."

The photographs of the break-up were captured by the Hubble Space Telescope.

Each of the 10 parts have comet-like dust tails, and the biggest four chunks are each double the size of a football

field.

The asteroid's unraveling began last year.

The latest Hubble pictures show the fragments "drifting away from each other at a leisurely pace of one mile per hour - slower than a strolling human," said a UCLA press statement.

Eventually, the fragments, which are estimated to weigh 200,000 tons, will provide a rich source of meteoroids.

Most of them will plunge into the Sun although some may be witnessed as meteors across the Earth's sky, Jewitt said.

The Hubble Space Telescope is a collaborative project between NASA and the European Space Agency.

Judge rejects Apple bid to ban Samsung devices

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - A federal judge Thursday rejected Apple's request to ban an array of Samsung smartphones and tablets found to have infringed on patents held by the US tech giant.

US District Judge Lucy Koh, who oversaw the blockbuster patent trial, finalized the damage award to be paid by the South Korean electronics giant at \$929 million.

But in a separate order, the judge denied Apple's request to ban 23 Samsung devices, saying there was no evidence that consumer demand was driven by the infringing elements.

A jury last year awarded more than \$1 billion to Apple for patent infringement, but the judge threw out some of that award and ordered a partial re-

trial. The final amount awarded was \$929 million.

Both sides have been appealing various aspects of the case, which is likely to be tied up in courts for some time barring an agreement between the two companies.

But because of the fast-moving nature of the business, the devices at issue in the case are no longer being sold.

Judge Koh noted that "the only new fact is that Samsung represents that no infringing units are currently in the marketplace."

She added that "Apple presents no evidence that any current Samsung devices incorporate the patented features. As such, it appears that the public interest slightly favors Samsung."

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Taj Mahal's Tai Choice is a great way to start the meal and be initiated into the joys of Indian cuisine, offering a diverse selection of traditional favorites. It contains hearty portions of Pakoras, crispy vegetarian fritters, Aloo Tikki, potato cutlets, Chicken Tikka, tender chicken breast pieces seasoned just right, and shaped and seasoned ground lamb, charmingly dubbed "Sheik Kebabs." All is served on a bed of sliced onions and brought to your table on a sizzling platter, and you will want to dish those sautéed onions on to one of their tasty Indian breads called Naan, leaving behind not a single crumb.

Main dishes are accompanied by a choice of rice, mixed vegetables rich with garlic, or Naan, plain, buttered, onion or garlic, and you will want to order an extra basket or two of this tasty de-

light, on which you can spoon your main course, as well. Poori is crispy fried naan, and most definitely worth the extra two dollars to sample with your meal.

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Apps thrill toddlers as Swedish schools go digital

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Two-year-old Mia traces out a letter on the screen with her forefinger, then claps with joy when the computer chants "wonderful!" and emits a slightly metallic round of applause.

The preschool group at Tanto International School in central Stockholm is just getting used to a new batch of iPads -- one for every two children -- and it's a noisy, chatty affair.

"They really enjoy playing this app. It's really good for learning pronunciation," said their teacher Helena Bergstrand.

Bergstrand, along with nearly 90 percent of teachers polled by the city council, believes that iPads and tablets help motivate children to learn.

"There's an instant appeal with an iPad ... they love it!" she says, raising her voice over the din as she moves around the table to help the children.

"It's more interactive (than pen and paper)."

Petra Petersen at Uppsala University has researched the rapidly growing use of tablets in preschools -- recording children when they interact with the technology and each other.

"In the schools I've looked at, they usually sit together in a group and its very collaborative, there's a lot of body con-



tact and verbal communication," she said.

"These tablets are very multi-modal -- they have colours, sounds, spoken words, and things that interest the children -- that's part of what makes them so popular. A large part of learning is about having fun, and the children have a lot of fun with them."

In Sweden, like in many countries, small children often play games on tablets and laptops long before they encounter them at school.

According to the national media council, close to 70 percent of Swedish two- to four-year-olds play video games.

Nearly a half (45 percent) of children aged two have used the Internet -- perhaps unsurprising in a country with one of the world's highest mobile broadband penetrations.

And that has put increasing pressure on teachers to get up to speed -- one in every two

surveyed have said they need special training.

Felix Gyllenstig Serrao, a teacher in the western city of Gothenburg, has taken computer-aided teaching further than most, using the popular Swedish game Minecraft to teach children with behavioural and concentration problems, including Attention Deficit Disorder and Asperger's Syndrome.

Jonas Linderöth, a video games researcher at the University of Gothenburg's education faculty, sees a number of pitfalls in the current drive to put tablets in the hands of infants, and in over-stating the educational value of video games.

"Most children have this technology at home. They can click on apps in the back seat of the family car. But fewer and fewer have parents that read to them -- preschools should compensate for that."

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New calculation method shows Dutch economy is bigger than thought

THE HAGUE - A new, harmonised EU method of calculating economic figures shows the Dutch economy was almost €45bn bigger than thought in 2010, the national statistics office CBS said on Thursday.

The new methodology also means the state debt in 2010 was 59% rather than 63.4% of gross national product, while the budget deficit was 5% rather than 5.1%, the CBS said.

The new calculation methods include spending on research and development and some defence investments. The proceeds of illegal activities, such as the drugs trade and illegal gambling, are also included.

The revised figures put the contribution to the Dutch economy of illegal activities at €3.4bn - or €2.4bn excluding the contribution made by legal companies. Of this, cannabis accounts for €1.4bn, prostitution €861m, fencing stolen goods €282m and gambling €192m, the CBS said.

Finance minister Jeroen Di-

jsselbloem said in a statement accompanying the new figures that the overall picture is more accurate but that the Netherlands is not actually any richer.

The CBS will publish revised figures for 2011, 2012 and 2013 in June. The new methods of calculation will also be used by the government's macro-economic think-tank CPB in its crucial autumn forecasts, which the government will use to draw up its 2015 spending plans.

Dutch firms made a record 7,606 patent applications last year

THE HAGUE - Dutch companies and individuals made a record 7,606 applications for patents to the European patent office last year, a rise of 17% on 2012.

Some two-thirds of the 266,000 patent applications made to the EPO in 2013 came from outside the EU. America accounted for almost a quarter of them. Germany was the most active EU country, accounting for 12% of the total.

Worldwide, the Netherlands ranks eighth in terms of the number of applications filed.

Philips was the most active Dutch patent company, making 1,839 applications. The Dutch electronics group was also the third most active filer worldwide behind Samsung and Siemens. -

Rolls-Royce says facing US corruption probe

LONDON (AFP) - British aircraft engine maker Rolls-Royce revealed Thursday that it is facing a corruption probe in the United States as well as Britain.

"The group is currently under investigation by law enforcement agencies, primarily the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) in the UK and the US Department of Justice (DoJ)," the company said in its annual report.

"Breaches of laws and regulations in this area can lead to fines, penalties, criminal prosecution, commercial litigation and restrictions on future business."

Rolls-Royce had revealed late last year that Britain's SFO had launched a formal investi-

gation into alleged bribery linked to the group's overseas operations.

The company had warned in 2012 that it might be prosecuted over alleged "malpractice" in Indonesia and China after passing on information related to bribery concerns to the office.

The London-listed firm stressed on Thursday that it was cooperating with the investigations but has yet to receive official notice of a formal DoJ probe.

"Rolls-Royce has been cooperating with regulatory authorities on both sides of the Atlantic in regard to allegations of bribery and corruption," it added.

"The SFO in the UK has

launched a formal investigation. The DoJ is also investigating these matters, however we have received no notification of a formal enquiry being launched in the United States."

Earlier this week, meanwhile, India's defence ministry ordered an investigation into the purchase of jet fighter engines from Rolls-Royce in a deal reportedly worth \$1.6 billion, an official said on Monday.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) will probe allegations of kickbacks over the deal for Rolls-Royce to supply engines to state-run Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) between 2007 and 2011, a defence ministry official had told AFP.

Enigmatic Bitcoin creator Nakamoto found: Newsweek

WASHINGTON (AFP) - After years of speculation, the true identity of the mysterious person or group behind the Bitcoin revolution known as "Satoshi Nakamoto" was revealed by Newsweek on Thursday.

It turns out his name is, in fact, Satoshi Nakamoto.

A reporter tracked down the 64-year-old, a Japanese-American physicist and model train enthusiast, living under the name Dorian S. Nakamoto in a modest two-story house in suburban Los Angeles.

Nakamoto did not admit to being behind the phenomenon that, since its 2009 launch, has been hailed as a financial revolution despite scandals over its use in the drugs trade and money-laundering.

And he called the police when the magazine's reporter

knocked on his door.

But Newsweek said the man, whose quiet career involved classified work as a systems engineer for the US government and government contractors, tacitly acknowledged his role in creating the crypto-currency that has rocked the banking world.

"I am no longer involved in that, and I cannot discuss it," he said. "It's been turned over to other people."

In a scoop heralding the re-launch of its print edition on Friday after two years only online, Newsweek said Nakamoto was born in Japan in 1949 and immigrated to the United States 10 years later.

He studied physics at California State Polytechnic University and worked for a number of companies, but has apparently not held a steady

job since 2002.

He spends much of his time on his model train hobby, and has apparently not tapped the millions of dollars of Bitcoin wealth Newsweek says comes from authoring the computer code behind it.

His family, including two younger brothers who are also scientists, did not know of his link to Bitcoin.

"He's a brilliant man," his brother Arthur Nakamoto told Newsweek. "He's very focused and eclectic in his way of thinking. Smart, intelligent, mathematics, engineering, computers. You name it, he can do it."

But they described a man with a deep libertarian streak, intensely private and distrustful of the government and banks.



GENEVA - (AFP) People visit the Geneva Motor Show during its press day in Geneva, on March 5, 2014. Automobile giants pitched smaller, nimbler cars to tempt cash-strapped consumers in a recovering European market, with compact vehicles taking centre stage at the Geneva Motor Show

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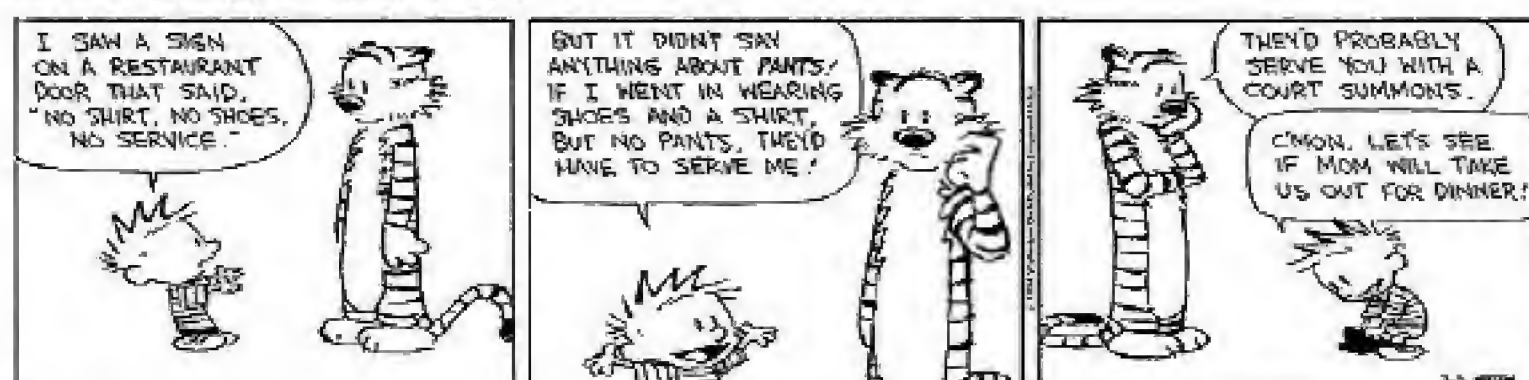
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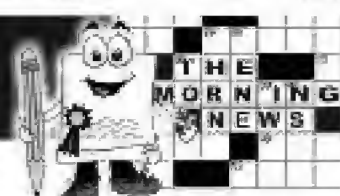
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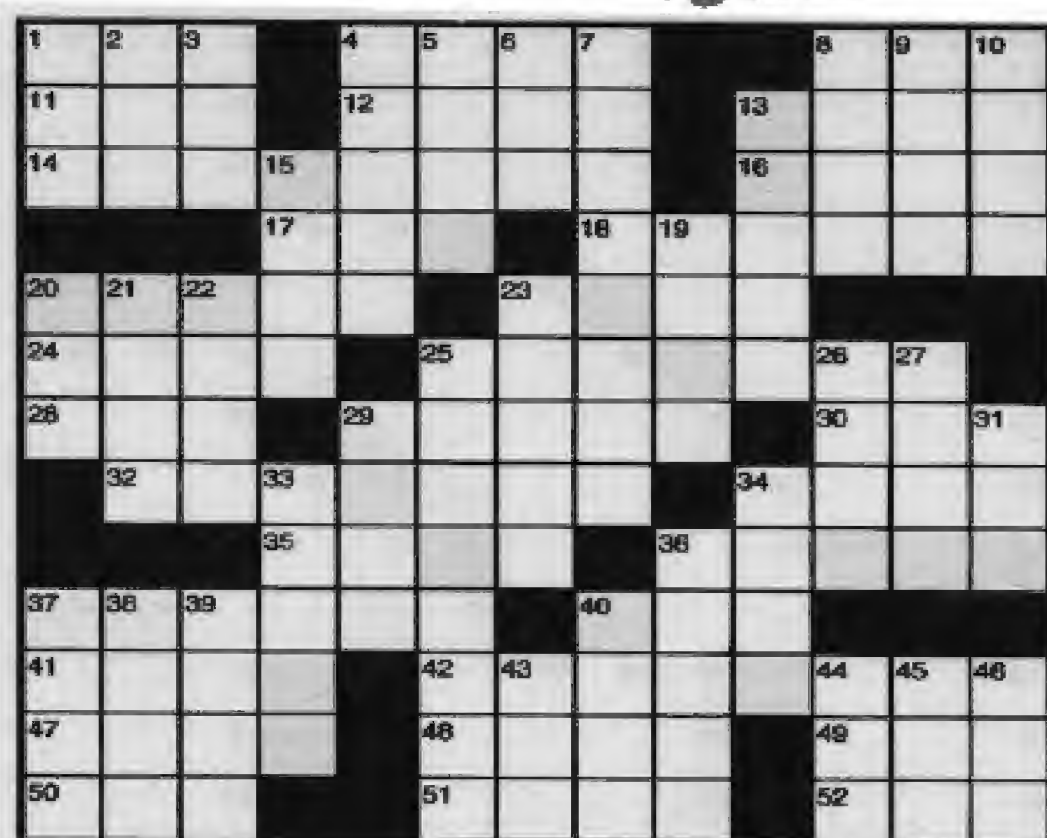
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13. Geometry term
15. Ewers
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20. Forbid
21. "Dancing Queen" singers
22. True
23. Mr. Higgins
25. Rent from a renter
26. Harness part
27. Used FedEx
29. Actress Lamarr
31. Dweller (abbr.)
33. Maidens
34. Mild oath
36. Rhyme makers
37. Half (prefix)
38. Tied
39. Feels sick
40. Cairo's river
43. Neglectful
44. By ___ large
45. Also
46. School subject (abbr.)

ACROSS

1. Singer Davis
4. Guitar neck attachment
8. Feminine pronoun
11. Edible grain
12. "The peak like thith"
13. "Cast ___" (2000 film)
14. "___ Morningstar"
16. TV style guru Berkus
17. Ship letters
18. Tattered
20. Scow
23. "War is ___"
24. Lincoln and

Burrows

25. Spikers' aides, in volleyball
28. Basketball org.
29. Stalks prey
30. Musket ending
32. Math class
34. Have a meal
35. In a lazy manner
36. Gasps
37. Town crier's cry (2 wds.)
40. Also not
41. Devil's play
42. Estrange
47. Brooks and Tormé
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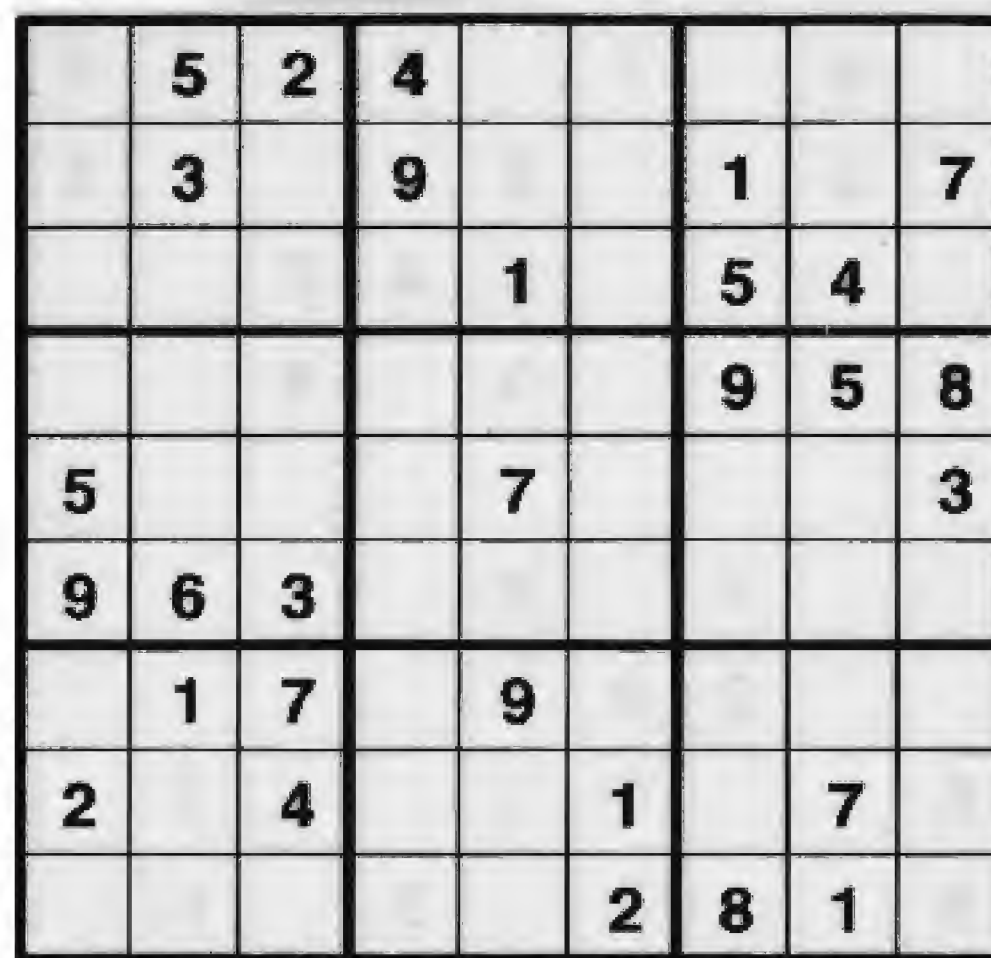
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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



Delicious Breakfast

--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on para-

dise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking. 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at

8am, patrons can now order 2 eggs any style (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) and toast for a price of only \$4.99 or All You Can Eat Pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on, after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice

beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

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ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish Sunday-Thursdays; and until 3am on Friday & Saturdays.

Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality, it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our



concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area, also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services pro-

gram. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their spe-

cific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Ukraine crisis casts shadow on Russia Paralympics

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia's President Vladimir Putin will open the Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi on Friday with the event tainted by his intervention in Ukraine.

Putin's presence is set to dominate the opening ceremony in the presence of about 1,600 disabled athletes from about 45 countries.

Russia topped the medals table at the Winter Olympics last month, and the event was widely seen as a triumph. International praise of the impressive ceremonies was a boost to Putin's attempt to showcase Russia as a modern, successful country.

However the backdrop to this celebration of sport will be very different after Putin supported the seizure by pro-Moscow armed forces of Ukraine's region of Crimea, northwest of Sochi across the Black Sea.

The United States, Britain, Germany and Norway at least have said they will not send government delegations to the opening ceremony.

American, German and British athletes will still compete for gold medals in Alpine and cross-country skiing, biathlon, ice-sledge hockey and wheelchair curling at the Games which run until March 16.

Putin has denounced the reactions.

"I think it would be the height of cynicism to threaten the realisation of the Paralympic Games," he told journalists. This is an international



sports forum, where people with disabilities can "prove to themselves and the world that they are people without limitations", he said.

Top model Natalia Vodyanova, who is one of the Sochi ambassadors and a torch-bearer for the Paralympic Games, this week said she was "ashamed to continue promoting the Paralympics, advocate its importance" during the crisis.

"Historically all the wars and conflicts stopped for the period of Olympic Games and it's not the call of today's politician to change this tradition," she

wrote in an emotional Facebook post.

The 2014 event will be the first Paralympic Games in Russia. Disabled athletes were never sent from the Soviet Union until 1988 in the perestroika period, and people with disabilities were generally stigmatised in Soviet society, frequently kept in special homes.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's Paralympics team on Thursday raised their national flag in Russia's Sochi in a heartfelt ceremony though it remained unclear whether the athletes will boycott the event.

Adidas sees World Cup boost for profits, warns of Ukraine impact



Nike has unveiled its new Nike Magista football boot that has been created using Nike Flyknit technology. Nike believes it's the perfect balance of a football boot that feels like a second skin yet also provides protection.

FRANKFURT, March 5, 2014 (AFP) - Adidas, the German maker of sportswear and equipment, said Wednesday it expects the World Cup football championships in Brazil to boost earnings this year, but warned that the crisis in Ukraine could hurt its business.

"From an operational perspective, there is no doubt that 2014 will be a successful year for us," said chief executive Herbert Hainer, as the group set a profit target of between 830 million and 930 million euros (1.14 billion and 1.28 billion) for the year.

But he cautioned: "Currency headwinds had a significant negative impact on our results in euro terms, and this is also

expected to continue in 2014."

The crisis in Ukraine could also dampen earnings, he noted.

Russia accounts for revenues of nearly 1.0 billion euros.

Adidas said it met all of its targets for 2013, with its net profit for the year soaring 49 percent to 787 million euros.

Sales, on the other hand, slipped by 2.6 percent to 14.49 billion euros, largely due to currency effects.

In November, Adidas extended its long-standing sponsorship agreement with the FIFA World Cup tournament until 2030.

The championships are being held in Brazil this year and in Russia in 2018.

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PARIS, (AFP) - An impressive France proved too strong for the Netherlands in Paris on Wednesday as first-half goals from Karim Benzema and Blaise Matuidi sealed a 2-0 friendly win. Benzema volleyed home the opener just after the half-hour mark and Matuidi added another three minutes before the interval, and the visitors never really looked like coming back into the game as they slumped to a first defeat in 19 matches. For France, it was a satisfying evening as they picked up where they left off in beating Ukraine 3-0 in dramatic fashion to qualify for the World Cup in Brazil in November's play-off. "Pleased with the result, the nature of the performance and the general attitude," was coach Didier Deschamps' summing up of the game. In contrast, Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal would appear to have work to do on his side ahead of this year's World Cup, particularly in defence.



BARCELONA (AFP) - Barcelona and Spain midfielder Andres Iniesta believes his country can continue their unprecedented run of success with a fourth consecutive major tournament win at the World Cup in Brazil later this year. Iniesta scored the solitary goal in the 2010 final against the Netherlands to give La Roja their first ever World Cup and was also a key member of the sides that won the European Championship in 2008 and 2012. Vicente del Bosque's men have been handed a handed a difficult group alongside the Dutch once more, Chile and Australia for the showpiece event in Brazil. However, Iniesta is hoping to relive the joy he experienced after netting the most important goal of his career in Johannesburg four years ago. Before Iniesta even gets to Brazil, though, he could collect another few medals as Barcelona are still alive in three competitions. The club's long-serving captain Carles Puyol announced earlier this week that he would leave the club at the end of the current campaign after being plagued by injuries in the last couple of seasons.

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Pistorius weeps as witness recalls shooting scene horror

PRETORIA (AFP) - A weeping Oscar Pistorius shielded his ears as a witness in his murder trial on Thursday gave harrowing evidence about desperate attempts to save Reeve Steenkamp's life after she was shot.

Rocking back and forth in the dock, Pistorius put his hands over his ears as neighbour and radiologist Johan Stipp recounted how he entered his house to find the distraught Paralympian bent over, attempting to resuscitate his girlfriend.

Stipp noticed a wound on Steenkamp's right thigh, right upper arm, and "blood and hair and what looked like brain tis-



sue intermingled with that" on top of the skull.

Amid the scene of horror, Stipp said he quickly realised the 29-year-old model would not survive the injuries.

During the testimony, sobbing could be heard around the courtroom as Steenkamp's family and friends sat disconsolately arm-in-arm.

Stipp continued: "While I was trying to ascertain if she's revivable, Oscar was crying all the time, he prayed to God to please let her live, she must not die."

At one stage, seeing Pistorius leave Steenkamp's body to go upstairs, Stipp also said he wanted to locate the weapon, fearing the sprinter may have been a danger to himself.

"Oscar was emotionally very, very upset and I didn't know the situation in the house so I thought maybe he was going to hurt himself."

During the graphic day of testimony, Pistorius started crying multiple times, rubbing his hand on his temples.

Attorney and firearms lobbyist Martin Hood said the less subjective expert testimony that is still to come will be the real determiner in the trial.

"Expert testimony is going to be vitally important in light of the need to prove premeditated murder," said Hood, speaking from Johannesburg.

The experts would use impartial forensic evidence and give scientific explanations, such as around the time of death and when phone calls were made, he added.

"I don't think we've got to the meat of the matter yet," he said.

Stipp's evidence is the first eye-witness account of what happened inside Pistorius's home that evening since the trial began on Monday.

Pistorius stands accused of murdering Steenkamp, a 29-year-old model and law graduate.

He claims to have shot her through a locked toilet door after mistaking her for an intruder.

Stipp also testified to being woken by gunshots and screams coming from Pistorius's home on the night of February 14, 2013, and then rushing over to see if he could help.

But the sequence of events appeared not to tally exactly with the evidence from three other neighbours who heard screams then shots.

Under cross-examination, the defence has put forward that the screaming was not a woman but an emotional Pistorius, arguing Thursday that Steenkamp was unable to scream due to the fatal shooting.

NBA: Korver's record 3-point streak ends at 127 games



PORTLAND (AFP) - Kyle Korver's record run of consecutive NBA games with a 3-point basket was snapped at 127 in the Atlanta Hawks' 102-78 loss at Portland.

Korver, who turns 33 on March 17, went 0-for-5 from beyond the arc for Atlanta. He finished 1-of-9 from the field for Wednesday's game with

only five points and did not play in the fourth quarter.

"I'm a little bummed, for sure," Korver said of the end of the streak. "It was good while it lasted."

"Someday we'll look at it and be proud, but obviously it was a tough game all around for us."

Korver, an 11-year NBA veteran, began his streak November 4, 2012, against the Oklahoma City Thunder.

He broke the old record of 89 games in a row with a 3-pointer that had been set by Dana Barros in 1996 with his 90th such game on December 6 in a 108-89 win over Cleveland.

At 26-33, the Hawks are clinging to the eighth and final playoff position in the Eastern Conference.

Baseball: Orioles sign southpaw Santana after long layoff



SARASOTA (AFP) - Johan Santana, twice named his league's top pitcher, signed a deal with Major League Baseball's Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday as he bids to make a comeback after undergoing left-shoulder surgery.

Santana last pitched in August 2012 for the New York Mets, the southpaw missing the 2013 campaign while recovering from surgery last April. He also missed the 2011 season with a similar injury.

Santana, who turns 35 later this month, won American League Cy Young Awards as top pitcher with Minnesota in 2004 and 2006.

The Venezuelan is 139-78 with a 3.20 earned-run average in 360 major league appearances.

The Orioles signed a developmental-level contract with Santana but offered an invitation to their pre-season training camp to allow him a chance to make the top squad.

In 2012, Santana went 6-9 with a 4.85 earned-run average for the Mets and threw the first no-hitter in team history, taking 134 pitches in the effort.

Baltimore is examining several left-handed pitchers with an eye to relief roles in their bullpen rather than a place in the starting rotation.

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Last week to register for Half Marathon at special rate

ORANJESTAD - The days for the famous 29th Aruba International Half Marathon is quickly approaching. There are just about two weeks left for this mega sports event. Registrations are taking place at the main IBiSA offices in Oranjestad and at the Sport Center in San Nicolaas.

All athletes and others interested in participating are being reminded that the special registration tariff is valid until March 10th.

The actual registration tariff is Afls. 25 per local participant and US\$20 for international participants. Race numbers and T-shirts are also available, which will be issued upon registration.

With Carnival behind us, the concentration is now full force on this mega event... the Aruba International Half Marathon!

IBiSA is offering an extra opportunity to the Aruban community to take advantage of the Special Tariff for registering and participating in the marathon.

On Saturday, March 8th the



main IBiSA office in the Frakrijkstraat 1 will be open from 9:00 in the morning until 12 noon.

After this date, as of Monday, March 10th, which is the last week before the marathon, the registration tariff will be increased by Afls. 5 per local participant and by US\$5 per international participant.

IBiSA is encouraging everyone to register early. This year they will be using the "chip" system for participants. This

will help ensure a better means to log the correct times of participants.

There are 700 chips and only those who register first will secure their chip. At the moment of registration each participant will receive the rules of the Aruba International Half Marathon.

You may also visit their website at www.ibisaruba.org to obtain the rules, also on Facebook at IBiSA.

Special Walk/Run fundraising activity for everyone!

ORANJESTAD - Fundacion Biba Bao Guia (living under guidance) which provides guidance to persons with physical and mental limitations, with the intent of helping them to live as independently as possible in our community, is organizing a walk/run activity. This walk/run activity is for the purpose of raising funds to be used to organize activities for their clients and different projects.

The walk/run activity is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 4th, 2014.

The walk/run will begin at 6:30 in the morning at the Fishermen's Hut in Arashi and return there after a 5km run, and from Fishermen's Hut to the Light House and back, which is a 10km run.

The cost of participation is Afls. 10 which will include water and a fruit. Tickets are already on sale. Registration may be by members of the Foundation or at the offices of IBiSA. Contact numbers for more information are: 740-3099 or 746-2100.

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